

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-6 are pending in the application, with Claims 1-2 cancelled and Claims 3-6 added by the present preliminary amendment. Support for new Claims 3-6 is found in Applicants' originally filed specification. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 3-6 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Eckhard H. Kuesters  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 28,870  
Michael E. Monaco  
Registration No. 52,041

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
EHK/MEM/kkn  
I:\ATTY\MM\AMENDMENT\7459\249299.PRELIM..DOC